

2020 Seven Rivers Missional District Holy Conferencing Agenda

Welcome & Introductions		Pastor
Zoom Overview and Protocol		Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell
Opening Prayer		Rev. Mark McMurray
Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 29:1-14 (CEB)	Jill Berg
Message		Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell 7 Rivers District Superintendent
Business Items		Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell

Accountability Questions:

- Have all the church financial activities been audited for 2019? If not, what year was your last completed audit? What is the plan for completion?
- Are your corporate status and property tax exemptions current?
- Is your Fire and Liability insurance current and paid?
- If you have a parsonage, has it been reviewed?
- Does your church have a current and enforced "Safe Church" policy?
- Are you current on abuse awareness training and national background checks on volunteers and staff? If not, what is the plan for completion?
- Is your church current on its apportionments? If not, is there a plan to become current by the end of the year?

Membership report (optional) and/or Reading of Names for Removal (if needed)		Membership Secretary
Pastor's Compensation		SPRC Chairperson
Election of leaders		Pastor
Approval of Certified Lay Servants (<i>Judy Kookie Graham</i>)		
Discussion of Images and Communication		Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell
Closing Benediction		Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell

Jeremiah 29:1-14 (Common English Bible)

To the reader: Pronunciation guide to tricky names included – a good place to go to hear the names pronounced is biblespeak.org. Don't worry too much about it – just say them with confidence and everyone will be amazed at however you pronounce them!

The prophet Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to the few surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests and the prophets, and to all the people Nebuchadnezzar (neb'uh-kuhd-NEZ-uhr) had taken to Babylon from Jerusalem.

² The letter was sent after King Jeconiah (jek'uh-NI-uh), the queen mother, the court officials, the government leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen and smiths had left Jerusalem.

³ It was delivered to Babylon by Elasah (ee-LAH-suh), Shaphan's (SHAY-fuhn's) son, and Gemariah (gem'uh-RI-uh), Hilkiah's (hil-KI-uh's) son—two men dispatched to Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar (neb'uh-kuhd-NEZ-uhr) by King Zedekiah (zed'uh-KI-uh).

⁴ The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce.

⁶ Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. ⁷ Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because your future depends on its welfare.

⁸ The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Don't let the prophets and diviners in your midst mislead you. Don't pay attention to your dreams. ⁹ They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I didn't send them, declares the LORD.

¹⁰ The LORD proclaims: When Babylon's seventy years are up, I will come and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.

¹² When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. ¹³ When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. ¹⁴ I will be present for you, declares the LORD, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile, declares the LORD.